

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS

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1. An electronic apparatus comprising:
a transmitter transmitting an electronic mail
in which a symbol including image information which
enables a sender to be specified therefrom is
10 included within signature information of the
electronic mail.

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2. The electronic apparatus as claimed in
claim 1, further comprising:
a generator generating the image information by
inputting an image of the sender.

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3. The electronic apparatus as claimed in
claim 2, wherein said transmitter transmits the
electronic mail only when an error between the image
information generated by said generator and
prestored image information is within a
predetermined range.

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4. The electronic apparatus as claimed in
claim 1, wherein the image information includes an
image related to at least a face of the sender.

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5. The electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

an adding unit adding to the signature information a parameter which indicates an importance of the electronic mail.

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6. The electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the parameter indicates the importance of the electronic mail by a display format of the signature information.

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7. The electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the parameter includes information which indicates a display priority order of the electronic mail.

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8. The electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the parameter includes character, image and/or audio information indicating a summary of the electronic mail.

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9. The electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein the information which indicates the display priority order of the electronic mail includes at least one of a display position and a

display timing of the signature information.

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10. The electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the symbol includes information used for linking to the sender.

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11. An electronic apparatus comprising:
a receiver receiving an electronic mail in
15 which a symbol including image information which enables a sender to be specified therefrom is included within signature information of the electronic mail; and
a display unit displaying the image information
20 of the electronic mail.

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12. The electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein the image information includes an image related to at least a face of the sender.

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13. The electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein the signature information further includes a parameter which indicates an
35 importance of the electronic mail, and further comprising:

a recognizing unit recognizing the importance

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based on the parameter.

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14. The electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein said receiver receives information which indicates an importance of the signature information, and further comprising:

10 a display controller displaying, based on the information which indicates the importance of the signature information, the signature information on said display unit with a format which enables recognition of the importance.

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15. The electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 14, wherein the information which indicates the importance of the signature information is included within the signature information.

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16. The electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein said receiver receives information which indicates a display priority order of the signature information, and further comprising:

30 a determining unit determining a display position of the signature information based on the information which indicates the display priority order of the signature information.

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17. The electronic apparatus as claimed
in claim 11, wherein said receiver receives
information which indicates a display priority order
of the signature information, and further
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a determining unit determining a display timing
of the signature information based on the
information which indicates the display priority
order of the signature information.

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18. The electronic apparatus as claimed
15 in claim 17, wherein the information which indicates
the display priority order of the signature
information is included within the signature
information.

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19. The electronic apparatus as claimed
in claim 11, wherein the signature information
25 includes character, image and/or audio information
indicating a summary of the electronic mail.

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20. The electronic apparatus as claimed
in claim 11, wherein the symbol includes information
used for linking to the sender.

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21. An electronic apparatus comprising:
a receiver receiving an electronic mail
including at least signature information and
information which indicates an importance thereof;
5 a display unit displaying the electronic mail;
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a display controller displaying the signature
information on said display unit with a format which
enables recognition of the importance, based on the
10 information which indicates the importance.

22. An electronic apparatus comprising:
a transmitter transmitting an electronic mail
by adding to signature information of the electronic
mail a parameter which indicates an importance of
the electronic mail.

23. A control apparatus for an electronic
25 apparatus having a transmitter, comprising:
a controller controlling the transmitter to
transmit an electronic mail in which a symbol
including image information which enables a sender
to be specified therefrom is included within
30 signature information of the electronic mail.

24. A control apparatus for an electronic
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mail and a display unit displaying the received

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electronic mail, comprising:

a controller controlling said receiver to receive an electronic mail in which a symbol including image information which enables a sender to be specified therefrom is included within signature information of the electronic mail, and for controlling said display unit to display the image information of the electronic mail.

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25. A control apparatus for an electronic apparatus having a receiver receiving an electronic mail including at least signature information and information which indicates an importance thereof and a display unit displaying the received electronic mail, comprising:

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a display controller controlling said display unit to display the signature information with a format which enables recognition of the importance, based on the information which indicates the importance.

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26. A computer-readable storage medium which stores a program for causing a computer to have an electronic mail function, comprising:

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a transmitting section causing the computer to transmit an electronic mail in which a symbol including image information which enables a sender to be specified therefrom is included within signature information of the electronic mail.

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27. A computer-readable storage medium which stores a program for causing a computer to have an electronic mail function, comprising:

5 a receiving section causing the computer to receive an electronic mail in which a symbol including image information which enables a sender to be specified therefrom is included within signature information of the electronic mail; and
10 a display section causing the computer to display the image information of the electronic mail.

15 28. A computer-readable storage medium as which stores a program for causing a computer to have an electronic mail function, comprising:

20 a receiving section causing the computer to receive an electronic mail including at least signature information and information which indicates an importance thereof;

a display section causing the computer to display the electronic mail; and

25 a display control section causing the computer to display the signature information by said display section with a format which enables recognition of the importance, based on the information which indicates the importance.

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